



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

HALL OF JUSTICE

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF



March 15, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL DIVISION OF OPERATIONS FOR 2021-2022
GUN VIOLENCE REDUCTION PROGRAM GRANT
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request Board approval authorizing the Sheriff of Los Angeles County (County) to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the California Department of Justice (Cal DOJ), Office of the Attorney General, Division of Operations, to accept a grant award in the amount of \$843,630 for the 2021-2022 Gun Violence Reduction Program Grant (GVRP) to fund the Los Angeles County (County) Sheriff's Department's (Department), Detective Division, Major Crimes Bureau (MCB), Armed Prohibited Persons Systems (APPS) Task Force.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Sheriff, or his designee, as an agent for the County, to accept and execute the attached MOU, Number DOJ-GVRP-2021-22-1-008 with Cal DOJ, accepting grant funds in the amount of \$843,630 with no match requirement for the grant period from January 1, 2022, through January 1, 2024.
2. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the Sheriff, or his designee, as an agent for the County, to execute and submit all required grant documents, including but not

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limited to, agreements, modifications, extensions, and payment requests that may be necessary for the completion of the Program.

3. Delegate authority to the Sheriff, or his designee, as an agent for the County, to apply and submit a grant application to Cal DOJ for the Program in future fiscal years, and to execute all required grant application documents, including assurances and certifications, when and if such funding becomes available.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

The objective of the grant is to support the field activities, education, and criminal investigations conducted by the APPS Task Force related to the seizure of weapons and ammunition from persons who are prohibited from possessing these items. APPS field activities will increase, and APPS entries will be reduced. Grant funds will be used to produce APPS training guidelines, to assist with the education and training of patrol personnel with the current laws and protocols related to APPS, to fund scheduled firearm relinquishment events at every Sheriff's Station, and to track and calculate statistics related to the APPS program.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan, II.2.1 – Reduce Violence in Communities by developing comprehensive, place-based plans to reduce violence in high-needs communities experiencing high levels of violence.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The 2021-2022 GVRP funding of \$843,630 will be utilized for the following: Salaries and Employee Benefits (\$843,630 – overtime only). There will be no fiscal impact for FY 21-22. Funding for FY 2022-23 will be part of the Department's FY 22-23 Supplemental Budget Phase's Grants Carryover request for Detective Division, MCB, APPS Task Force.

This will be the first year of funding for GVRP. The total program cost is \$843,630 with no match requirement.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On November 5, 2021, the Department submitted an application in response to Cal DOJ's Request for Proposals. Upon review of the Department's application, Cal DOJ

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selected the Department to receive a grant in the amount of \$843,630 with no match requirement.

Cal DOJ required that the attached Resolution be adopted by the Board as evidence that certain County personnel have the authority to execute, on behalf of the County, the MOU and all other necessary grant documents. The attached Resolution designates the Sheriff and the Department's GVRP Project Director as authorized signatories.

The MOU will be in effect from January 1, 2021, to January 1, 2024.

The attached MOU and Resolution have been approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This grant will have a positive impact on current services for MCB APPS Task Force because it investigates the most serious criminal offenses occurring in Los Angeles County and will significantly reduce APPS entries.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return two copies of the adopted Board letter, two original signed MOU's and two original signed Resolutions to the Department's Grants Unit.

Sincerely,

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF



TIMOTHY K. MURAKAMI
UNDERSHERIFF

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

AND

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

GUN VIOLENCE REDUCTION PROGRAM
(JANUARY 1, 2022 – JANUARY 1, 2024)

DOJ-GVRP-2021-22-1-008

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

I. PURPOSE

- II. This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is entered into by the Department of Justice (“DOJ”) and the County of Los Angeles (hereinafter, “Grantee”), to provide the terms and conditions under which DOJ proposes to grant funds (the “Grant”) under DOJ’s Gun Violence Reduction Program (the “Program”) to Grantee for expenditure in compliance with DOJ’s Grantee Handbook, dated July 2021, prepared in connection with the Program (“Grantee Handbook”). The Grantee will expend the Grant for the purposes identified in the approved Grant Application submitted by Grantee in response to DOJ’s Request for Proposals for activities related to the seizure of weapons and ammunition from persons who are prohibited from possessing them, including efforts based upon entries in DOJ’s Armed Prohibited Persons System (“APPS”).

The Request for Proposals, Grantee Handbook, Grant Proposal Application, and Budget Detail are hereby incorporated by reference into this MOU.

III. FUNDING DISBURSEMENT

DOJ agrees to fund Grant, for Grantee’s proposed expenditures on the Project Description included in the approved Grant Proposal Application, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Grantee Handbook.

IV. ADMINISTRATION

Should Grantee fail to comply with this MOU, including application of any Grant funds to expenditures or for purposes not permitted under this MOU, DOJ may take one or more of the actions described under “Noncompliance” in the Grantee Handbook.

V. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Addendum – No addendum to or variation of the terms of this MOU is valid unless made in writing, and signed by the duly authorized representatives of the parties hereto.

Assignment – This MOU is not assignable by Grantee in whole or in part.

Indemnification – Grantee agrees to indemnify and hold harmless DOJ, its officers, agents and employees from all claims, liabilities, and losses in connection with or arising out of the performance of this MOU.

Termination – DOJ may terminate this MOU should Grantee fail to perform the Scope of Work at the time and in the manner provided in this MOU.

VI. TERMS

Grant Duration: 1/1/2022 – 1/1/2024

TOTAL GRANT AWARD AMOUNT	\$843,630
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Grant funds shall be available for encumbrance or expenditure for two years from their award date.

GRANTEE CONTACT INFORMATION

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Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, Detective Division, Major Crimes Bureau

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VII. ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office shall, by no later than February 1 of each year, following a calendar year during which Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office used GVRP Grant funds, report specified information to DOJ, in the format prescribed at <https://oag.ca.gov/gvrp> (see "Reporting Requirements" tab, and link to sample reporting spreadsheet, at <https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/media/gvrp-annual-reporting-sample.xlsx>). Reported data shall be reflective of GVRP activity for the preceding calendar year in which Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office used GVRP Grant funds.

VIII. AUTHORIZATION

The DOJ and Grantee, by their duly authorized officials, have executed this MOU on the respective dates indicated below. This MOU and any future addendums shall be mailed to the Division of Operations, Local Assistance Unit, Gun Violence Reduction Program, and will become fully executed upon completion of signatures from all parties.

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF
 Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

 Date

STEVEN C. RUIZ, CAPTAIN
 Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
 Detective Division, Major Crimes Bureau

 Date

STACY HEINSEN, GRANT MGR.
 Division of Operations
 California Department of Justice

 Date

CHRIS RYAN, CHIEF
 Division of Operations
 California Department of Justice

 Date

GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION
Fiscal Year 2021 Gun Violence Reduction Program Grant

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles desires to undertake a certain project designated as the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Detective Division, Major Crimes Bureau Gun Violence Reduction Program 2021-2022 (GVRP) to be financed with funds made available through the California Department of Justice (Cal DOJ) administered by the Office of the Attorney General, Division of Operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles that the Sheriff of the County of Los Angeles or the Department's Project Director of GVRP is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Agreement Number DOJ-GVRP-2021-22-1-008 in the amount of \$843,630 with the Cal DOJ, and to execute and submit all other necessary grant documents, including but not limited to applications, agreements, modifications, extensions, payment requests, renewals and amendments for the purpose of increasing funding, that may be necessary for the completion of the 2021-2022 GVRP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sheriff of the County of Los Angeles agrees to the funding terms and conditions of Cal DOJ, including any amendment thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body.

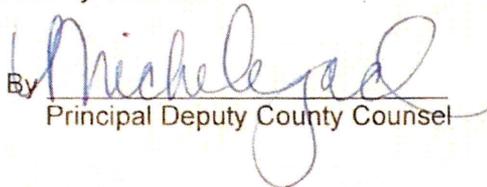
IT IS ALSO AGREED that this grant award is not subject to local hiring freezes.

The foregoing resolution was on the _____ day of _____, 2022,
adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the
governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and
authorities for which said Board so acts.

CELIA ZAVALA, Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of
the County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM
RODRIGO A. CASTRO-SILVA
County Counsel

By 
Principal Deputy County Counsel

Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office

Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding \$100,000

Department: LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Grant Project Title and Description: Gun Violence Reduction Program Grant

The objective of the Gun Violence Reduction Program Grant is to support the activities of local law enforcement related to the seizure of weapons and ammunition from persons who are prohibited from having these items.

Funding Agency: California Department of Justice, Office of Attorney General, Division of Operations	Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #) Memorandum of Understanding #DOJ-GVRP-2021-22-1-008	Grant Acceptance Deadline
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Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$843,630 Grant Period: 01/01/2022 – 01/01/2024 Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: 0	County Match: 0 Begin Date: Execution by Parties Full Time: 0 Part Time: 0	End Date: 01/01/2024
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Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? Yes ___ No X

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? Yes ___ No N/A

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? Yes ___ No X

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:

a). Absorb the program cost without reducing other services Yes ___ No N/A

b). Identify other revenue sources Yes ___ No N/A
 (Describe) _____

c). Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant. Yes ___ No N/A

Impact of additional personnel on existing space: None

Other requirements not mentioned above: None

Department Head Signature _____ **Date** _____